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SUBJECT: Comments on [REDACTED]

1. This branch is very interested in US laboratory tests of Bloc cement samples. However, the specifications in this report leave out two essential elements in which we are interested. It is requested that in the future these tests include the following specifications:

a. The 28 day compressive strength of a sample of the cement using ASTM testing procedures.

b. The mark or grade of the cement\* specified by the Bloc country, which should be on the bag (if it is bagged cement).

2. In addition because the branch is primarily interested in cement produced for internal consumption by Bloc countries, samples obtained from non-US customers may be more representative. Exports to the US are probably of special batches of cement produced to US standards.

\* The mark or grade is the minimum 28 day compressive strength of a sample tested by the standards and procedures of the manufacturing country.